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## The New European Union Directive on Battery Cages

As of January 1, 2003 no new battery cages may be built or brought into service for the first time. Refurbished cages are not specifically mentioned. On this date the space allowance per bird in existing cages is increased from 69.75sq in per bird to 85.25sq in per bird. Keeping birds in battery cages is banned as of January 1, 2012.

By January 1, 2002, all production units covered by the Directive will have to be given a registration number which will be used 'for tracing eggs placed on the market for human consumption.' This was not in the original proposal.

The International Egg Commission Director General Mike Ring compared the original Commission proposal with the new directive. He noted the start date had been set back by four years and the end phase-out date by three years. New cages after January 1, 2003 and all cages after January 1, 2012 will have to be enriched. Enriched cages must provide at least 116.25sq in of cage area per bird. A nest, litter area and perches must be provided in addition to feed troughs, drinkers and claw shorteners. The minimum aisle width is 13.95 inches and the bottom tier must be 5.43 inches above the ground.

The following statement was included in the minutes of the Agriculture Council which adopted the Directive. "The Council and the Commission emphasizing the need to ensure equivalent conditions of competition between EU producers and those of third countries, stressed the need to take into account, at the international level, rules governing the welfare of animals, which should constitute one of the fundamental points of the negotiation mandate for the "Millennium Round" of the WTO negotiations."

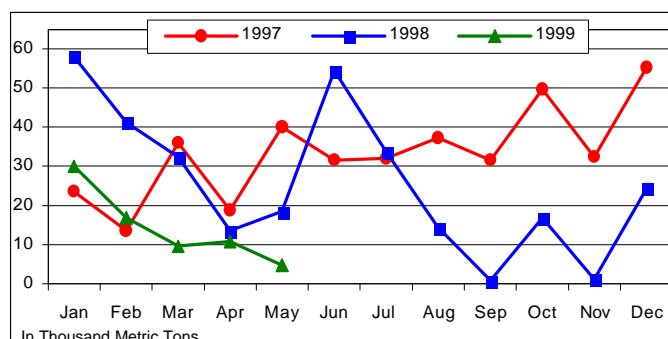
### A Comparison of Cost by Stocking Density

Stocking Density (square inch)	Capital Cost per bird in USD	Running Costs per dozen
*54.25	15.97	.67
69.75	22.36	.72
85.25	27.95	.77
Stocking Density (10.76sq ft)		
Barn		
11.7 birds	23.53	.89
9 birds	30.57	.98
Free Range		
11.7 birds	32.92	1.06
9 birds	39.93	1.17

\*Usual per bird density in battery cages for non-EU countries.

Source: The International Egg Commission, July 1999

## Frozen Leg Quarters Exported from the U.S. to Russia



Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census

## EU, U.S. SIGN VETERINARY AGREEMENT

The EU and U.S. on July 19 signed the "veterinary equivalency" agreement establishing that each other's sanitation and processing procedures provide equivalent levels of food safety. Talks for the agreement concluded in April 1997, however signing the agreement was delayed by an EU-U.S. disagreement over the principle of regional health status. The agreement signed last week includes a provision on so-called regionalization, whereby an outbreak of disease in a defined and restricted region need not result in a ban on trade from the whole of the affected member state or neighboring countries.

The agreement is expected to ease the EU-U.S. trade disputes related to food safety. The agreement covers about US\$1.5 billion in bilateral trade, including fish and fishery products, pet food, fresh meat and other meat products.

Also last week, European Commission president-designate Romano Prodi called on EU leaders to set up an independent EU food and drug regulatory body akin to the U.S. Food and Drug Agency. "The European public has lost confidence in both national and European food and drug regulators," Mr. Prodi told the European Parliament last week.

Source: BRIDGES Weekly Trade News Digest

## Eggs in Russia

During 1998 egg production in Russia was 33,200 million eggs, an increase of 2%. However, the 1998 figures were about 30% lower when compared to 1990. Production on a per capita basis equaled 225 eggs per person in 1998 and 320 eggs per person 1990.

Source: International Egg Commission, July 1999

**INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending July 24, 1999		Year-To-Date	
Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	134	103	8,095	7,567
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	22	0	355	332
Total	156	103	8,456	7,949

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending July 24, 1999		Year-To-Date	
Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	166	46	2,484	2,368
Frozen	15	5	173	135
Dried	0	0	141	225
Total	181	51	2,798	2,728

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending July 24, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Jumbo	17	27	584	809
Extra Large	1,300	420	19,013	21,747
Large	1,400	2,711	68,200	59,422
Medium	1,349	1,651	29,276	33,671
Ungraded	9,080	4,420	309,711	132,215
Misc	0	0	3,588	5,443
Total	13,146	9,229	430,372	253,307

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding. Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

**CENTRAL REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. July 30, 1999

**CHICKEN PRICES**

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
FAT	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				
0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	18.00	13.00-15.00	-
WTD AVERAGE		18.00	14.43	
183,600 pounds, this includes 40,800 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00	14.00-17.00	11.00-13.00	13.00-16.00
WTD AVERAGE	12.00	15.10	11.30	14.00
2,110,800 pounds, this includes 612,000 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				
0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				

\* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 24-Jul-99  
PRELIMINARY**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY (000'S)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,217	1,507	3,724
LAST WEEK	1,978	1,089	3,067
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,192	1,231	3,423
TO-DATE/1999	62,846	39,396	102,242
TO-DATE/1998	61,412	36,649	98,061

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	471	10	481
LAST WEEK	506	0	506
SAME WEEK YR AGO	410	0	410
TO-DATE/1999	14,314	174	14,488
TO-DATE/1998	16,166	239	16,405

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,688	1,517	4,205
LAST WEEK	2,484	1,089	3,573
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,602	1,231	3,833
TO-DATE/1999	77,160	39,570	116,730
TO-DATE/1998	77,578	36,888	114,466

**EASTERN REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. July 30, 1999

**CHICKEN PRICES**

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
FAT	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-18.00	17.00-20.00	16.00-18.00	18.00
WTD AVERAGE	17.40	18.97	17.37	18.00
1,422,500 pounds, this includes 80,000 pounds for export shipment.				

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.00-15.50	16.50	15.00	17.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.28	16.50	15.00	17.00
520,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00	12.50-17.00	12.50-15.50	12.00-17.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.00	14.80	14.19	13.78
1,852,040 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	13.50	12.75-14.00
WTD AVERAGE			13.50	13.17
1,360,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV				

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**

FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS  
JULY 30, 1999

Limited trading for parts and meats for domestic use with no sales reported for export. Thigh meat bids fully steady with most inquiry coming from Asia. Mechanically separated turkey moving at generally steady price levels.

**FRIDAY, JULY 30, 1999****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	18.00	208	17.68	248
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	19.67	156	19.67	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	15.00	1,040	14.44	2,080
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	47.30	184	44.63	2,770

**THURSDAY, JULY 29, 1999****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	18.00	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	19.67	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS		R	15.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	1,040
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	46.00-49.00		47.30	184

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 1999****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	18.00		18.00	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	19.00-20.00		19.67	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	21.00	104
TAILS		R	15.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	13.88	1,040
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	42.00-44.00		42.33	312

**TUESDAY, JULY 27, 1999****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.00		16.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	21.00	104
TAILS		R	15.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	13.88	1,040
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	42.00		42.00	260

**MONDAY, JULY 26, 1999****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	16.50	240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	21.00	104
TAILS		R	15.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.50-14.00		13.88	1,040
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	43.00-47.00		45.08	2,014

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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